

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A camera apparatus capable of displaying a character, comprising:

5 a photographing unit for photographing a subject for photography;

an image storage unit for storing thereinto an image photographed by said photographing unit;

10 a message storage unit for storing thereinto a plurality of messages having the same meanings, which are expressed in a first language and a second language different from said first language;

a language setting unit for setting the first language and the second language in response to a request made by a user;

15 a message reading unit for reading both the message of said first language and the message of said second language which corresponds to said first language message and has been set by said language setting unit from said message storage unit;

20 a message output unit for outputting said second language message read by said message reading unit in combination with said first language message corresponding thereto;

2. A camera apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein:

25 said language setting unit is comprised of:

a language specifying unit for specifying a plurality of languages which constitute plural proposed languages of

said second language based upon a time difference between a reference area and another area defined by said user request; and

    a language selecting unit for causing the user to select  
5    said second language from said plural proposed languages specified by said language specifying unit.

3.    A camera apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein:

    said camera apparatus is further comprised of:  
10    a positional information acquiring unit for acquiring positional information indicative of a present position of the own camera apparatus;

    said language setting unit sets said second language based upon the positional information acquired by said positional information acquiring unit.

15    4.    A camera apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein:

    said message output unit corresponds to a display unit for displaying thereon said message in a character representing manner and also a voice output unit for outputting said message in a voice reproducing manner; and said display 20    unit displays both said first language message and said second language message corresponding thereto, which has been set by said language setting unit, on the same display screen at the same time.

5.    A camera apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein:

25    said message output unit corresponds to a voice output unit for outputting said message in a voice reproducing manner, and outputs both said first language message and said second

language message corresponding thereto, which has been set by said language setting unit, in a continuous manner.

6. A camera apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein:

5        said message is related to operation of said camera apparatus.

7. A camera apparatus as claimed in claim 6 wherein:

      a content of said message corresponds to a request for photographing operation.

8. A camera apparatus as claimed in claim 6 wherein:

10        the content of said message corresponds to a photographing method of said camera apparatus.

9. A camera apparatus as claimed in claim 6 wherein:

      the content of said message corresponds to an operation manual of said camera apparatus.

15 10. A camera apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein:

      a content of said message corresponds to a thanks message for the photographing operation; and

      said output unit outputs said thanks message after the photographing operation is accomplished.

20 11. A message outputting method used in a camera apparatus, comprising:

      a second language setting step for setting a sort of a second language in response to a request of a user;

25        a selecting step for selecting a message written in a first language;

      an extracting step for extracting both a preset message written in the first language and the message written in the

second language, which has been set in said second language setting step, from a plurality of messages which have the same meanings and are expressed by different languages; and an outputting step for outputting both said first 5 language message and said second language message.

12. A message outputting method as claimed in claim 11 wherein:

    said outputting step corresponds to a display step for displaying said message in a character form.

10 13. A message outputting method as claimed in claim 11 wherein:

    said outputting step corresponds to a voice outputting step for outputting said message in a voice reproducing manner.

14. A message outputting method as claimed in claim 11 15 wherein:

    said message is related to operation of said camera apparatus.

15. A message outputting method as claimed in claim 14 wherein:

20      a content of said message corresponds to a request for photographing operation.

16. A message outputting method as claimed in claim 14 wherein:

25      the content of said message corresponds to a photographing method of said camera apparatus.

17. A message outputting method as claimed in claim 14 wherein:

the content of said message corresponds to an operation manual of said camera apparatus.

18. A message outputting method as claimed in claim 11 wherein:

5 a content of said message corresponds to a thanks message for the photographing operation; and

    said outputting step outputs said thanks message after the photographing operation is accomplished.

19. A program executed by a control unit employed in a camera apparatus for storing thereinto a plurality of messages which own the same meanings and are expressed by both a first language and a second language different from said first language wherein:

    said program is comprised of:

15 a processing operation for setting the second language in response to a request of a user;

    a processing operation for selecting a message written in the first language;

20 a processing operation for extracting both a preset message written in the first language and the message written in the second language, which has been set in said second language setting process operation, from a plurality of messages which have the same meanings and are expressed by different languages; and

25 a processing operation for outputting both said first language message and said second language message.

20. A portable electronic apparatus capable of displaying

a multilingual expression, comprising:

    a storage unit for storing thereinto a plurality of operation information as to said portable electronic apparatus, which have the same meanings expressed by both

5    a first language and a second language different from said first language;

    a setting unit for setting both the first language and the second language in response to a request of a user;

    a key inputting unit for designating desirable operation 10 information;

    a reading unit for reading both operation information written in said first language and operation information written in said second language, which has been set by said setting unit and corresponds to said first language operation 15 information, from said storage unit; and

    a display unit for displaying thereon said second language operation information read out from the storage unit by said reading unit in combination with said first language operation information corresponding thereto at the same time.